

REMARKS

In the Office Action dated June 19, 2008,

- The Drawings were objected to;
- Claims 1-6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph;
- Claims 1-6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by German Patent No. DE 2,530,312 (Hartwig);
- Claims 1-2 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Japan Patent No. 11-345,732 (Okuda et al); and
- Claims 3-6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious over Okuda et al. in view of Hartwig.

Claim 1 has been amended. Support for the amendment to claim 1 can be found in the specification as filed, specifically in the description of Figure 2, paragraphs 27 and 28 of the published application. Upon entry of this amendment, claims 1-6 will remain pending.

Drawings

On page 2 of the Office Action, the Office objected to the drawings as being in non-compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.121(d). Specifically, the Office asserts the drawings “are not descriptive of the invention.” Attached herein is a replacement sheet including a replacement for the originally filed Figure 2. The replacement for Figure 2, along with the accompanying text in the specification, accurately and clearly describe the invention as is required by 37 C.F.R. §1.121(d). Accordingly, Applicant requests that the objection associated with the drawings be withdrawn.

35 U.S.C. §112, Second Paragraph

Claims 1-6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. Specifically, the Office asserts the use of “a set of vertical wheels and a horizontal wheel” in claim 1 is vague, indefinite and confusing as there is no structural or spatial description of the wheels with respect to a pressure head, a limitation also claimed in claim 1. Applicant submits that claim 1, as amended, particularly points out and distinctly claims the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. Accordingly, Applicant requests that the rejection of claims 106 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, be withdrawn.

Prior Art Rejections

Claims 1-6 were rejected as being anticipated by German Patent No. DE 2,530,312 (Hartwig) as well as being non-obvious over Japan Patent No. 11-345,732 (Okuda et al) in view of Hartwig. As indicated in the Response Under 37 C.F.R. §1.111 filed July 10, 2008, MPEP 706.02 indicates for completeness, full text translations of Foreign references “will yield the fullest available set of facts upon which to determine patentability.” In light of MPEP 706.02, Applicant traverses the prior art rejections as Applicant can neither confirm nor deny the Examiner’s reasoning without a translation of the two cited references (i.e., Hartwig and Okuda et al.).

CONCLUSION

As initially requested in the response filed July 10, 2008, Applicant respectfully requests a translations of the cited prior art, as well as a resetting of the reply period as required by MPEP 710.06.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for this submission, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0436.

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